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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 0919

1. BEST WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IS CONFIRM MAIN POINTS OF ORIGINAL STORY CONCERNING FOUR INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION. THEIR SYRIAN PASSPORTS SHOWED VISAS FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND NIGER, AND ENTRY TO NIGER FROM LIBYA, BUT NO VOLTAN VISA. AFTER BEING PICKED UP FOR LACK VOLTAN VISA, THEY TOLD VOLTAN POLICE THEY WERE SEEKING WORK IN UPPER VOLTA AND PLANNED GO LATER TO SEEK WORK IN MAURITANIA. THEY HAD NO ARMS, EXCESS AMOUNTS OF MONEY, OR OTHER INCRIMINATING POSSESSIONS. EARLIER REPORT THAT THEY SAID THEY WERE AFFILIATED WITH BSO IS NOT RPT NOT CONFIRMED.

2. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, THEY WERE EXPELLED BACK TO NIGER.

3. ISRAELI EMBASSY SPECULATES THAT THEY WERE EITHER ON RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OR INTENDED CROSS INTO IVORY COAST TO COMMIT TERRORIST ACT THERE. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING.

4. WE SEE NO OBJECTION YOUR PASSING THIS INFORMATION TO GIRM AUTHORITIES BUT BELIEVE YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF BSO CONNECTION OR OTHER INTENDED MISCHIEF.
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